

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
THE COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE,
COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT (CERCLA)**

Administrative Penalty Actions

1. **AUTHORITY.** Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, to make determinations of violations under Section 109, to assess penalties, to issue notices, orders or complaints, and to compile the administrative record upon which the violation was found or the penalty was imposed, and to negotiate and sign consent orders memorializing settlements under Section 109 between the Agency and respondents.
2. **TO WHOM REDELEGATED.** Through the Director, Superfund and Emergency Management Division, or equivalent, to the Branch Chiefs, Emergency Management Branch and Remedial Cleanup Branch, or equivalents.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. The regional administrator, division director, or branch chief must notify the AA for OLEM and the AA for OECA, or their designee, when exercising any of the above authorities.
 - b. The clearance or approval of the form, text, and legal sufficiency of each legally operative document issued pursuant to this delegation must be obtained from the Office of Regional Counsel before signing and issuing such document.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. This authority may be redelegated to the section chief level, or equivalent.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **SUPERSESSSION.** This delegation supersedes R10 14-31 (04/20/2012), R10 14-31(1) (05/03/2012), and any other delegation of the same authority.
6. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
 - a. CERCLA, Section 109.
 - b. EPA Delegation 14-31.

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Date


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